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Dear Harold,

Spoke with Sylvia Meagher in NY who knew nothing more than your files revealed re Striso. However, did meet with him in Ny and he's not that bad. He's very complex, pretty bright, could be violent (although he admitted he has others do that sort of work for him), and I feel a valuable source of information. At the moment he has contacted an attorney in California as he is furious with Warren Hinckle for having milked him of knowledge, and used his ms. which he claims was the first inkling Ramparts had of the Joel Kaplan case. In any event, I'm playing it cool. It may or may not be worth something and I have nothing to lose. He also mentioned the disgusting Edgar J. and the power he has been wielding over the U. S. for too long.

Meanwhile, I'm getting my kids in order. My son got back a day after I did and his father told their grandfather to pay all necessary bills until he returns. I'm still trying to find out if I have a case against the forthcoming book, before I do something about it. I'll have the info any day now. My Readers Digest ms. must be in around April or so, and then there is a great possibility I can get a publishing firm to give me an advance to write a Kaplan book.

Jerry read some of my files and is very interested and said he'd do some sleuthing for me if necessary.

Do you have a copy of the book you did on Edgar J.? Is that the one the NY Times killed? I'd appreciate having one if possible.

Best to you and Lil and thanks again for your warm hospitality and very informative info.

Best,

Paul